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Tonight marks the conclusion of my fifth year and the beginning of my sixth year as the Chief Executive of this City. It is, therefore, again a time to review our progress and set our vision on future goals, some near and some still far off.

In an imperfect world one must be cautious not to give the impression that all is well in every respect, lest people lose confidence at the seeming naivete of their leadership. I do not make that naive judgment; I recognize that we have miles and miles to go, and that in fact we can in the final analysis only hope to bring the community to a point where others may assume responsibility and leave their mark for good or ill.

With that preface, I nonetheless come before the people of Somerville this evening to indicate that progress and improvement over the past year, and over the past five years, has been unparalleled and on a magnitude for which all my justly derive much pride.

In the area of public works, we are witnessing the visible transformation of an old and tired community into a city increasingly worthy of being an All America City, in that we have applied ourselves diligently to improve our life, and we have each year gained more strength and broader horizons.

1. On a recent CBS national special feature, Somerville was described as one of the few communities working to improve the quality of our water system. Five years ago tonight there were over 65 water leaks flooding and freezing city streets, and an average of five new leaks a day breaking out. People were wondering whether we were fast becoming the Venice of America. Tonight, we have three water leaks, which represents merely tomorrow's work. This has happened because we are

using proper equipment, and because when we repair a leak we replace a seventy-year old lead pipe with a new copper pipe rather than patch the lead and have another leak break out a few inches away a few months later.

1974 marked the third consecutive year of a decline in the number of water leaks, and had, in fact the fewest number in the past eight years. This has enabled us to increase efforts to improve poor water pressure problems existing in hundreds of apartments. In 1969 the city was able to repair only 11 of these; in 1974 we did 68. Another side benefit of this type of efficiency is in the amount of water consumed in the city. Since far fewer gallons are running to waste, the consumer and the city is spared this further expense of paying for something we never use. For example, in 1971 the city used 3,968,000,000 gallons of MDC water. In 1974 we used approximately 3,936,000,000 gallons, and with the recent discovery and repair of two old and large leaks in remote areas of this city, we anticipate our water consumption to decrease significantly in 1975.

2. The Highway Department handled over 5,000 complaints last year. Besides this, we planted 300 trees, repaired 400 sidewalks, did major sidewalk restoration at Foss Park, Trum Field, Oakland Avenue, Alpine, Glen and Webster Streets, as well as Magoun and Teele Squares. Holland Street, Summer Street, Pearl and Orchard Streets have been, or are still being, substantially restored. This means that an absolute majority of our citizens are receiving specific services as well as general services such as rubbish collection, street cleaning, etc.

In the area of rubbish collection, the incinerator has been successfully closed now for almost two years, thus ending a long-standing pollution blight and inefficient operation. However, rubbish disposal is still very costly and the amount of rubbish is increasing at an alarming rate. We are now collecting 340,000 pounds or 170 tons of rubbish a day, and it costs \$12.50 per ton to dispose of it, compared with \$8.50 per ton a year ago. The cost per ton has increased by one third and the tonnage has increased 300 tons per month in 1974 over 1973.

Partly to cope with this and partly to deal more responsibly with the

environmental consequences of turning the world into a large rubbish heap, we expect to present in the next three months a new proposal for separating rubbish for re-cycling. We are receiving federal help and expect to both lower our disposal costs and preserve our precious natural resources by having between 20-30% of all rubbish collected salvaged for new use.

3. The Building Department represented one of our most significant areas of development. In 1974 there were 734 building permits issued to property owners for construction or renovation of property. This represents a steady increase from 425 issued in 1969, an annual increase of 60%. This can only mean that the public has taken new pride of ownership of property and new confidence in the strength and stability of this city government.

In the area of public buildings, by next September thirteen antiquated elementary schools will have been eliminated, replaced by four new community schools and a new wing to a fifth building. The Kennedy, Proctor, Cutler, Carr and Grimmons Schools have been substantially restored, and complete reconstruction of the Conwell and Healey Schools should be completed by September of this year.

Aside from the obvious effects of these physical improvements in terms of the quality of education offered our young people, the value of real estate is increased, the outward migration of our people to greener pastures has dwindled, and many have begun to look back towards Somerville with an eye towards returning. Above and beyond this, however, by next September we shall have provided new classroom facilities for over 3,000 elementary school students, and improved facilities for most of the rest. In 1971, there were 7,166 elementary school students; this year there are 6,670, and an analysis recently completed by Mr. Frank Sestito, the Director of the Planning Department, indicates that the declining birth rate in this city from 2,000 annually in 1964 to just over 1,000 in 1974 will mean an elementary school population in 1978 of 5,100 students, or a net decline of about one-third. This means that we are at the brink of providing the most modern educational physical plant possible for our entire elementary school population.

The High School, with a new gymnasium, auditorium, windows, guidance offices, rest rooms, performing arts center, repointing, flooring, painting and desks is continuously being upgraded, and by the time the population decline now evident in the elementary school reaches the high school, that facility will be able to assume its function of providing a first rate educational institution.

In coming months we shall dedicate the Edward M. McCarty Evaluation Center on Holland Street to deal with special educational problems of young people, that not one shall be without the opportunity to realize his or her full potential. We have chosen to name the building after Mr. McCarty, because his life exemplifies as much as any that God gives a man power and strength according to his need to blossom forth as a beautiful and creative spirit.

4. Trum Field will be fully completed by Spring, with a new brick facade on the clubhouse similar to that on the Powder House Community School. Lincoln Park should be completely reconstructed by late summer. These, along with Glen Park, will give Somerville recreational areas of a quality equal to most anywhere in Greater Boston.

Finally in this regard, by late Spring we plan to dedicate the new consolidated Reilly-Brickley Central Fire Station, thus eliminating the obsolete and dangerous present central station and station on lower Broadway.

Something which shows signs of beginning, and which I deeply hope will happen, is that some of the city employees have expressed an interest in setting up a grievance procedure where they can penalize their own members for poor labor practices. For too long now, labor union and civil service regulations have used their power to protect their most incompetent members, rather than advance their members who have demonstrated their competence. If this development takes place, the government and employers in general will be able to assume a less adversary posture than at present. I respect labor unions and the need for job security, but I shall never reward or condone shoddy work habits by anybody.



Tonight for the first time in any official message to the people of Somerville, I wish to speak about the Somerville Housing Authority. Since 1950 when the first public housing was constructed here, that part of the city's life has been battered, abused and neglected by what I feel has been the worst type of political cynicism. As the Mayor, I could have ignored the situation, looked the other way and thrown up my hands in resignation claiming that it was not my problem. I could not in good conscience do that, and have experienced as a result a fair amount of abuse and snapping at my heels to encourage me to stay a safe distance away.

In any case, now for the first time, I not only see the light at the far end of the tunnel, but I believe we are there. Under the directorship of the Rev. Mr. William P. Gray during the past several months, I have watched the Authority come together finally as a constructive, effective and concerned body. Whereas for these many years internal bickering and chicanery have caused all Housing Authority facilities to deteriorate from neglect, now this is beginning to blossom the way our school buildings are flowering. I am sufficiently impressed by the present leadership there that I am pleased to announce this evening that I am allocating 60 men under a new federal grant to be assigned to Mr. Gray full time for a whole year to restore these properties. This means the total restoration of the interior and exterior of all 43 Housing Authority buildings and 1,217 elderly and low income apartments, so that they will meet standards of decency we all have a right to expect in our homes. The attitudes of many of the tenants in the low income sector there is beginning to change, and residents have become protective of improvements and grateful that the quality of life is taking on a different tone.

In the coming year the Central Library will be reconstructed and the East and West Branches will be restored to the lovely buildings they originally were. We hope that before summer the branches will be completed, and before the year is out to invite the public to view these and the Central Library as yet another part of public property put back into condition where people will want to come in, visit and make use of the facilities, rather than pass by because of such glaring inadequacies.

When I became Mayor in 1970, the city had a cash deficit of over

\$7,000,000. After a four-year period we have collected or settled 99% of all back taxes, including the First National and Boston & Maine.

The cost of temporary borrowing has decreased by some 66-2/3% over the last three years, as compared to the previous three years, saving the city \$1,000,000 in tax anticipation note interest costs over that period. In addition, on Revenue Sharing Funds invested, the city has realized a rate of return that is twice the statewide average. With the interest earned on revenue sharing deposits alone last year, we were able to replace four pumper trucks for the Fire Department at a cost, through earnings, of a quarter of a million dollars. The city owes much appreciation for his services as City Treasurer to Mr. Robert Hilliard for operating his department so providently for all the people.

While inflation continues to cause difficult economic times for the city, the city is balancing its budget each year and is managing its cash effectively. Much of what we have been able to accomplish has come from better professional management of work projects; much has been possible by our aggressive pursuit of federal monies; much has become possible by the gradual redistribution of federal tax monies back to local communities. As much as circumstances will allow, we shall certainly hold the line on taxes, but we shall also continue in our determination that every tax dollar collected will be spent wisely in the public interest.

Till now I have discussed essentially bricks and mortar progress, although this progress makes possible the better providing of public services.

In terms of human services the Youth Department is serving the young; the Recreation Department, young and old; Caspar House is helping those with drinking problems. Also we are expanding our prevention and treatment program for those with drug problems; preventing the tragedy of illness and retardation to many young children by screening out those with lead poisoning in their blood. Open Door is opening more of our schools after hours for more community programs. Home Care Corporation is reaching out to serve the needs of more of our elderly citizens who have become isolated and



helpless. A special area of increased emphasis this year will be on reaching more of our senior citizens and provide some of the love and affection in return for which they gave so freely in former years.

This year, along with general revenue sharing and employment funds from the federal government, we shall receive an additional \$347,000 under the Community Development Act to further improve our physical facilities and the many other services desired by the public. These substantial sums of money both lessen the burden of the property tax on the one hand, while at the same time enabling us to accomplish many other improvements which would be otherwise economically impossible.

The Depression Years of the 1930's took a heavy toll on Somerville, and many look back to that decade as one from which we never really recovered.

We are evidently entering into another difficult era where unemployment and hardship are becoming widespread. Somerville now has 5,000 residents seeking employment, about 12% of our total labor force. I do not intend this city to go into another period of decay. To the contrary, by the end of the month we expect to have at least 250 unemployed men and women with a great variety of skills to offer, working for the city through a federal grant on public works projects. With proper leadership and direction we shall turn the adversity of these present times into an era of flourishing achievement, that thus when the health of our nation's and the world's economy has been restored, Somerville will be there waiting, renewed, rebuilt, restored and ready for many future generations to enjoy what we have done and be inspired to continue down through the ages.

Even though we are painfully aware of things to be done that yet remain undone, I believe there is ample reason for pride in the recent past, confidence in the present and determination for the future. I personally feel it, and this is sufficient to sustain me to wish to continue. I have no desire to linger as the Mayor simply because it might be possible; I stated at the beginning five years ago that I wanted to leave in good grace when I felt the work of this administration was finished. Events have developed such that each year has brought a multiplication of progress over each

preceding year, indicating, I trust, that we are on solid footing and making basic policy decisions with an eye towards the long view, rather than the momentary outcry of temporary, shortlived solutions which leave the community worse off for not having properly resolved problems. Because I believe this is still happening, and because there is every indication that this will continue, I intend at this time to seek to remain the Mayor to continue the momentum achieved to date.

I hope that in the months and years to come the resurgence of this community will inspire the residue of political antagonists to join in these important events, criticising when such is constructive, but becoming able to appreciate that, after all, good things are happening in Somerville. To the many who have remained steadfast, through these five years, please be assured that all that has changed within us is that years and experience have hopefully wisened us, but that our commitment to this City is as simple and as fresh as the day we began.

# REPORT OF THE CITY AUDITOR

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

### REVENUE ACCOUNTS:

#### ASSETS

Revenue Cash . . . . .	\$ 1,835,774.31
Cash Discrepancies:	
W.J.R., Collector . . . . .	253.57
P.J.W., Cashier . . . . .	1,029.55
R.C., Deputy Collector . . . . .	1,326.86
E.W., Deputy Collector . . . . .	431.15
Treasurer's Overs and Shorts and Bank Errors . . . . .	1,668.63
Petty Cash Advances . . . . .	400.00

#### Accounts Receivables:

Taxes, 1959 . . . . .	\$ 1,185.46
Taxes, 1960 . . . . .	5,133.71
Taxes, 1961 . . . . .	6,742.82
Taxes, 1962 . . . . .	10,169.18
Taxes, 1963 . . . . .	9,103.18
Taxes, 1964 . . . . .	22,176.67
Taxes, 1965 . . . . .	26,901.58
Taxes, 1966 . . . . .	12,077.83
Taxes, 1967 . . . . .	46,305.27
Taxes, 1968 . . . . .	52,806.42
Taxes, 1969 . . . . .	42,132.66
Taxes, 1970 . . . . .	-----
Taxes, 1971 . . . . .	136,495.68
Taxes, 1972 . . . . .	161,747.62
Taxes, 1973 . . . . .	269,085.04
Taxes, 1974 . . . . .	235,940.63
Taxes, 1974-75 . . . . .	<u>985,358.71</u>

\$ 2,023,362.46

Tax Titles . . . . .	516,654.81
Tax Possessions . . . . .	107,781.36

Motor Vehicle Excise:

Taxes, 1961 . . . . .	28,199.45	
Taxes, 1962 . . . . .	32,976.22	
Taxes, 1963 . . . . .	32,093.08	
Taxes, 1964 . . . . .	27,916.20	
Taxes, 1965 . . . . .	35,777.32	
Taxes, 1966 . . . . .	40,593.21	
Taxes, 1967 . . . . .	33,228.42	
Taxes, 1968 . . . . .	40,995.79	
Taxes, 1969 . . . . .	40,202.41	
Taxes, 1970 . . . . .	54,530.41	
Taxes, 1971 . . . . .	84,159.23	
Taxes, 1972 . . . . .	-----	
Taxes, 1973 . . . . .	175,609.91	
Taxes, 1974 . . . . .	343,387.40	
Taxes, 1975 . . . . .	358,552.88	
Taxes, 1975 . . . . .	<u>358,552.88</u>	1,328,221.93

Building Demolition Fees:

Taxes, 1967 . . . . .	1,142.00	
Taxes, 1968 . . . . .	-----	
Taxes, 1969 . . . . .	2,700.00	
Taxes, 1970 . . . . .	25,898.12	
Taxes, 1971 . . . . .	1,985.00	
Taxes, 1972 . . . . .	-----	
Taxes, 1973 . . . . .	18,073.00	
Taxes, 1974-75 . . . . .	<u>3,900.00</u>	53,698.12

Departmental Bills Receivable:

Veterans Services Department . . . . .	29,298.05	
School Department . . . . .	38,768.76	
P.W.D. Incinerator Division . . . . .	13,058.13	
P.W.D. Building Division . . . . .	9,281.25	
P.W.D. Water Division . . . . .	2,254.24	
Public Works Department . . . . .	<u>100.00</u>	92,760.43

Water Department Accounts . . . . .	418,306.78
State Aid to Highways–Chapter 90 . . . . .	212,798.55
Federally Aided Public Works Projects:	
D.O.I. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation	
Trum Field Park	
No. Bost–DOI No. 25–00120 . . . . .	41,540.08
Revenue 1975–76 . . . . .	32,035,828.30
Overlay, 1967 . . . . .	4,787.84
Overlay, 1968 . . . . .	6,192.12
Overlay, 1969 . . . . .	19,723.43
Overlay, 1970 . . . . .	17,848.58
Overlay, 1971 . . . . .	8,935.92
Overlay, 1972 . . . . .	56,486.90
Overlay, 1973–74 . . . . .	356,549.69
Overlay, 1974–75 . . . . .	665,137.21
Reserve for Cash Variations and Bank Errors . . . . .	131.49
Surplus Revenue . . . . .	984,941.50
	<u>\$40,792,571.57</u>

## LIABILITIES

Cash Overages . . . . .	891.73
Taxes, 1970 A/R . . . . .	12,676.73
Tax Titles – Rent Receipts . . . . .	645.00
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes, 1972 . . . . .	5,935.73
City Clerks Deposits . . . . .	4,855.29
School Deposits:	
Forfeited Fees . . . . .	16,026.15
County Aid to Highways – Chapter 90 . . . . .	28,815.93
Teachers Retirement Deductions . . . . .	150,919.30
Federal Withholding Taxes . . . . .	278,342.94
State Withholding Taxes . . . . .	121,736.57
Employees Insurance Deductions . . . . .	1,423.27
Employees Group Insurance Deductions . . . . .	12,250.44
Group Insurance for Elderly Retirees . . . . .	102.00
Reserve – Savings Bond Deductions . . . . .	6,842.85
Blue Cross Deductions . . . . .	80,775.40

Guarantee Deposits . . . . .	1,569.19
Conservation Commission Fund . . . . .	16,302.90
Sale of Real Estate . . . . .	4,551.00
Unexpended Balances:	
Income of Trust Funds . . . . .	13,950.92
Tailings . . . . .	23,255.58
Tailings – Water Department . . . . .	1,882.87
Revenue Appropriations – Fiscal Year 1975 . . . . .	758,907.51
Appropriations Control – Fiscal Year 1976 . . . . .	32,835,828.30
C. of M. C.C.J. Grant-Project Use	
Project No. 73C-242.113 . . . . .	10,119.00
Project No. 73C-242.113, State Buy-In Funds . . . . .	110.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Grants:	
Somerville Youth Program	
Dept. Youth Services Grant – F73 . . . . .	79.61
Dept. Youth Services Grant – F75 . . . . .	2,497.09
C.C.J. Project No. 74C-025.111 . . . . .	1,048.25
C.C.J. Project No. 74C-025.111 Reimbursement . . . . .	160.03
C.C.J. Project No. 74C-188.1115 . . . . .	9,123.09
C.C.J. Project No. 74C-188.1115 State Buy-In Funds . . . . .	2,768.00
C.C.J. Project No. 75C-131.1115 . . . . .	3,200.00
Community Youth Resources Bureau	
C.L.E.A. Project No. 70-040a-ELCAM . . . . .	123.45
E.O.A. Manpower Development and Training Act:	
Recreation Support Program – R1 – 1971-93-25 . . . . .	.10
Recreation Support Program – 1972 No. 2001-25 . . . . .	16.50
Recreation Support Program – 1973 . . . . .	96.80
U.S. Dept. of Labor Grants:	
Manpower Administration:	
Emergency Employment Act – Section 6 . . . . .	.02
Comprehensive Employment and Training Act 1973	
Title I . . . . .	30,992.17
Title III R.S.P. . . . .	220.23
Title III S.J.C. . . . .	14.00
Title II FY 74 . . . . .	48,196.24
Title II FY 75 . . . . .	67,400.94
Title VI . . . . .	13,141.33



## C. of M. Grants – C.L.E.A.

## Drug Screening and Referral Program

Project No. 72-142X-529AO . . . . .	254.00
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## C. of M. Grants – C.C.J. – Police Department . . . . .

## Police Auto Theft Bureau

Project No. 74C 161.161 . . . . .	6,857.32
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Project No. 74C 161.161 State Buy-In Funds . . . . .	791.00
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## Planning and Research Unit

Project No. 74C 087.023 . . . . .	39.65
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Project No. 74C 087.023 State Buy-In Funds . . . . .	315.26
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Project No. 75C 038.0212 . . . . .	255.77
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## Regional and Local Disorder Control Units

Project No. 71-09X-529AO . . . . .	823.85
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## Teleprocessing Terminals

Project No. 71-59Y . . . . .	223.00
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## Field Improvement Operations

Project No. 73C-125.039 . . . . .	198.95
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Project No. 74C-143.032 . . . . .	19,171.23
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Project No. 74C-143.032 State Buy-In Funds . . . . .	2,489.21
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## Record Filing System

Project No. 72-021X-529AO . . . . .	.55
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## School Department Grants – C. of M.

Public Law 864 . . . . .	11,375.10
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Public Law 874 . . . . .	34,125.26
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Public Law 87-415 MDTA . . . . .	1,959.76
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## Adult Basic Education:

No. 73-24 . . . . .	2,246.14
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No. 74-24 SCALE . . . . .	434.71
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No. 75-24 SCALE . . . . .	49,652.38
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No. 75-43 SCALE . . . . .	25,000.00
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## Grant Related Income –

Project No. 75-24, 75-43 . . . . .	1,182.00
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## Public Law 89-10, Title I

Project No. 72-274 . . . . .	766.07
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Project No. 73-274-058-BLAST . . . . .	3,293.22
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Project No. 73-274-207 S.E.P. . . . .	899.88
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Project No. 74-274-093-BLAST . . . . .	865.90
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Project No. 74-274-315 S.E.P. . . . .	868.27
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Project No. 75-274-134-BLAST . . . . .	102,749.90
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Public Law 89-10, Title II	
1973 . . . . .	.59
Project No. 89 . . . . .	1,086.84
Project No. 74 . . . . .	484.96
Project No. 75 . . . . .	653.71
Public Law 89-10, Title VI-B . . . . .	10,095.53
Public Law 92-318 . . . . .	17,317.22
Public Law 91-527, Drug Abuse Prevention . . . . .	6,151.07
State Aid to Free Public Libraries . . . . .	87,876.39
C. of M. Grant Council for Aging Persons . . . . .	56.57
H.U.D. Comprehensive Planning Assistance Grant – Section 701	
Project No. 1973-CPA-MA-01-06-1036 . . . . .	590.38
Project No. 1974-CPA-MA-10-06-1062 . . . . .	1,220.96
Project No. 1975-CPA-MA-01-06-1023 . . . . .	1,483.62
H.U.D. Community Development Block Grant FY 75 . . . . .	1,513.31
H.E.W. Public Health Service Grants	
Lead Control Program – No. 01-1973 . . . . .	766.22
Lead Control Program – No. 02-1974 . . . . .	3,929.06
Lead Control Program – No. 03-1975 . . . . .	2,251.19
Federal Grant, ACTION	
Volunteer Coordinator Program . . . . .	1,055.37
E.M.O.C. Manpower Planning Board . . . . .	1,121.55
C. of M. Grant, Revolutionary War	
Bicentennial Commission . . . . .	1,520.00
Hot Lunch Receipts . . . . .	65,473.16
Athletic Receipts . . . . .	23,266.16
Parking Meter Receipts	
Off-Street Parking . . . . .	10,807.80
On-Street Parking . . . . .	18,867.77
Middlesex County – Dog Licenses . . . . .	633.15
Middlesex County – Sale of Dogs . . . . .	12.00
Middlesex County Tax Assessment FY 1975 . . . . .	97,417.41
State Taxes and Assessments 1975 . . . . .	174,626.66
Overlay 1962 . . . . .	401.12
Overlay 1963 . . . . .	589.37
Overlay 1964 . . . . .	612.22
Treasury – City Owned Property . . . . .	1.00

## Revenue Reserve Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue . . . . .	1,322,286.20	
Tax Title Revenues . . . . .	516,654.81	
Tax Possessions Revenue . . . . .	107,781.36	
Building Demolition Charges Revenue . . . . .	53,698.12	
Departmental Revenue . . . . .	92,759.43	
Water Revenue . . . . .	418,306.78	
Aid to Highways Revenue . . . . .	<u>183,982.62</u>	2,695,469.32
Federally Aided Public Works Projects Revenue . . . . .		41,540.08
Reserve for Petty Cash Advances . . . . .		400.00
Reserve for Cash Discrepancies . . . . .		4,841.25
Reserve for Unpaid Real Estate and Personal Taxes . . . . .		2,010,685.73
Reserve for Debt on Funding Loan . . . . .		<u>673,120.00</u>
		<u><u>\$40,792,571.57</u></u>

**SPECIAL CASH ACCOUNT****ASSETS**

Special Cash . . . . .	154,643.37	
Federal Revenue Sharing Funds Invested . . . . .	2,072,954.11	
Federal Revenue Sharing Funds . . . . .	<u>2,176,450.52</u>	
		<u><u>\$ 4,404,048.00</u></u>

**LIABILITIES**

Federal Revenue Sharing Funds . . . . .	-----	
Special Appropriations . . . . .	3,984,048.00	
State Assessment FY 76 . . . . .	<u>420,000.00</u>	
		<u><u>\$ 4,404,048.00</u></u>

NON REVENUE ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Non Revenue Cash . . . . .	477,655.78
Loans Authorized . . . . .	<u>11,746,949.00</u>
	<u>\$12,224,604.78</u>

LIABILITIES

Loans Unissued . . . . .	6,191,949.00
Loan in Anticipation of Bond Issues:	
School Project Loan – Ward II . . . . .	2,480,000.00
School Project Loan – Ward IV . . . . .	1,645,000.00
Capital Improvements of Parks and Playgrounds	
Trum Field Renovations . . . . .	110,000.00
Fire Station – Broadway . . . . .	1,075,000.00
Remodeling Central Library . . . . .	145,000.00
Remodeling Conwell and Healey Schools . . . . .	25,000.00
Somerville Housing Authority . . . . .	1,743.09
C. of M. Highway Improvement Fund – Chapter 822 . . . . .	43.56
Non Revenue Appropriations . . . . .	<u>550,869.13</u>
	<u>\$12,224,604.78</u>

NET FUNDED OR FIXED DEBT

ASSETS

Net Bonded Debt . . . . .	<u>23,085,000.00</u>
	<u>\$23,085,000.00</u>

**LIABILITIES**

## Loans Within Statutory Debt Limit:

School Remodeling Loan – 1969 . . . . .	405,000.00
School Remodeling Loan – 1971 . . . . .	25,000.00
PWD Incinerator Loan 1958 and 1959 . . . . .	260,000.00
Water Bonds – 1974 . . . . .	70,000.00
Municipal Purpose Loan – 1974 . . . . .	1,040,000.00
Capital Improvement Bonds – 1974 . . . . .	<u>125,000.00</u>

\$ 1,925,000.00

## Loans Outside Statutory Debt Limit:

Elementary School Loan – 1964 . . . . .	1,050,000.00
Elementary School Loan – Ward I – 1970 . . . . .	2,950,000.00
Elementary School Loan – Ward VII and Pope School Addition . . . . .	4,200,000.00
Urban Renewal Loan – 1969 . . . . .	625,000.00
Funding Loan – 1971 . . . . .	5,945,000.00
School Project Loan – 1974 . . . . .	<u>6,390,000.00</u>

\$21,160,000.00\$23,085,000.00**TRUST AND INVESTED FUNDS****ASSETS**

## Trust Funds:

Cash and Securities . . . . .	87,101.15
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## Investment Funds:

Cash and Securities . . . . .	<u>9,013,583.07</u>
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\$ 9,100,684.22

LIABILITIES

Trsut Funds:	
Contagious Hospital . . . . .	2,168.23
School Funds . . . . .	13,519.49
Library Funds . . . . .	60,819.32
Welfare Funds . . . . .	6,948.35
Recreation Funds . . . . .	<u>3,645.76</u>
	87,101.15
Invested Funds:	
Municipal Buildings Insurance Funds . . . . .	5,465.35
*Somerville Retirement System	
Fund 4% and 5% . . . . .	9,004,743.91
Veterans Housing Fund . . . . .	<u>3,373.81</u>
	<u>\$ 9,013,583.07</u>
	<u><u>\$ 9,100,684.22</u></u>

\*Figures submitted by Retirement Board

CASH STATEMENT  
REVENUE RECEIPTS

RECEIPTS

July 1 through June 30, 1975

General:	
Taxes. . . . .	25,082,274.19
Motor Vehicle Excise. . . . .	1,977,641.62
Tax Titles . . . . .	29,571.88
Tax Possessions . . . . .	4,700.00
Licenses and Permits . . . . .	173,127.39
Fines and Forfeits. . . . .	217,367.01
Grants and Gifts. . . . .	4,374,661.23
C. of M. Local Aid Fund	
Beano Tax and License Fees . . . . .	2,826.91
Lottery Distributions. . . . .	1,144,921.44



C. of M. School Aid (Income Chapter 70) . . . . .	4,730,392.04
C. of M. Abatements to Widows Ch. 59 Sec. 5 . . . . .	72,192.00
C. of M. Abatements to Blind Persons Ch. 59 Sec. 5 . . . . .	7,614.00
C. of M. Abatements to Veterans Ch. 59 C22-22E . . . . .	7,921.86
C. of M. Construction School Projects, Ch. 645. . . . .	805,083.64
C. of M. Outside School Transportation . . . . .	445.00
C. of M. Vocational Education Ch. 74 Sec. 9 . . . . .	328,354.00
C. of M. Occupational Education Tuition . . . . .	10,335.00
C. of M. Free Public Libraries . . . . .	33,292.13
C. of M. Urban Renewal Projects Ch. 121 . . . . .	180,771.70
C. of M. Urban Renewal – Lieu of Taxes . . . . .	93,679.89
C. of M. Educational Television Program Costs Chapter 71, Section 13F. . . . .	1,741.57
C. of M. Special Education Grant 1974 Chapter 431– S.S. 24 & 25 . . . . .	345,070.00
C. of M. Special Education Program Bilingual Education, Chapter 71A, S 8-9 . . . . .	37,400.00
Chapter 69-71. . . . .	421,737.00
Summer Recreation – Chapter 71A . . . . .	5,678.92
C. of M. Elderly Retirees Group Insurance. . . . .	2,172.12
C. of M. Dept. Public Works Highway Improvement Loan of 1972 . . . . .	10,915.08
C. of M. Highway Fund Distribution Chapter 81 . . . . .	283,093.56
C. of M. Highway Aid Fund – Chapter 90. . . . .	251,197.08
Middlesex County Aid for Highways – Chapter 90. . . . .	66,800.00
Federally Aided Public Works Projects:	
Dept. H.U.D. Open Space Land Program OSC-72 . . . .	31,840.15
D.O.I. Trum Field Renovations . . . . .	
Project No. BOST-DOI 25-00120. . . . .	138,995.92
H.U.D. Developments Parks and Playgrounds Project No. OSL-Ma-1027 . . . . .	29,741.35
Cash Overages . . . . .	30.10
Sale of Real Estate . . . . .	4,550.00

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\$40,908,135.78

## REVENUE PAYMENTS

### PAYMENTS

Appropriations . . . . .	\$30,761,417.65
Interest . . . . .	1,191,238.60
Reduction of Funded Debt . . . . .	1,520,000.00
Refunds . . . . .	729,532.43
City Clerks Deposits . . . . .	763.63
School-Book Deposits . . . . .	1,850.00
School-Forfeited Fees . . . . .	8,303.56
Teachers Retirement Deductions . . . . .	392,579.29
Federal Withholding Taxes . . . . .	3,706,025.05
State Withholding Taxes . . . . .	1,009,883.79
Employees Insurance Deductions . . . . .	595.16
Employee Group Insurance Deductions . . . . .	42,260.91
Group Insurance for Elderly Retirees. . . . .	3,908.00
Savings Bond Deductions . . . . .	44,101.76
Blue Cross Deductions . . . . .	594,848.02
Temporary Loans . . . . .	12,000,000.00
Loans in Anticipation of Federally Funded Public Works Projects	
H.U.D. Open Space Land Program OSC-72 . . . . .	137,853.17
D.O.I. Renovations to Trum Field D.O.I. 25-00120 . . . . .	360,000.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Grants:	
C.L.E.A. Somerville Youth Program	
Project No. 73C-051.112 . . . . .	82.73
Project No. 74C-025.111 . . . . .	67,374.55
Project No. 74C-025.111-S.B.I.F. . . . .	4,722.00
Project No. 74C-188.1115. . . . .	25,209.91
Dept. of Youth Services Grant:	
Somerville Youth Program — FY 73 . . . . .	-----
Somerville Youth Program — FY 74 . . . . .	173.73
Somerville Youth Program — FY 75 . . . . .	32,502.91
C.C.J. Project Grant to SYP 74C-025.111 Reim.	
from Project CASE No. 74C-167.141 . . . . .	464.97
Office for Children's Grants S.Y.P. . . . .	1,800.00
C.L.E.A. Drug Screening & Referral Program	
Project No. 72-142X-529AO . . . . .	24,052.12

C.C.J. Grant, Project CASE	
Project No. 74C-135.141 . . . . .	19,257.77
C.C.J. Grant, Project CASE	
Project No. 74C-135.141-S.B.I.F. . . . .	1,111.00
C.C.J. Grant, Police Dept. Grants	
Police Auto Theft Bureau	
Project No. 74C-161.161 . . . . .	642.68
Regional and Local Disorder Control	
Project No. 71-09X-529AO	-----
Planning and Research	
Project No. 73C-113.023 . . . . .	216.71
Project No. 74C-087.023 . . . . .	12,781.02
Project No. 74C-087.023 S.B.I.F. . . . .	528.74
Project No. 75C-038.0202. . . . .	1,179.23
Field Operations Improvement	
Project No. 73C-125.039 . . . . .	18,027.64
Departmental:	
General Government . . . . .	\$ 36,493.00
Protection of Persons and Property. . . . .	13,000.78
Health and Sanitation . . . . .	33,417.95
Veterans Services . . . . .	99,034.51
School and School Buildings. . . . .	11,744.18
Hot Lunch Receipts . . . . .	269,236.88
Athletic Receipts . . . . .	12,672.16
Central and Branch Libraries . . . . .	3,365.63
P.W.D. Highway Division. . . . .	5,272.00
P.W.D. Parking Meters Receipts . . . . .	45,640.01
Teachers Retirement Deductions . . . . .	513,708.06
Federal Withholding Taxes . . . . .	3,951,628.35
State Withholding Taxes . . . . .	1,057,410.04
Employees Insurance Deductions. . . . .	637.76
Employees Group Insurance Deductions. . . . .	43,463.10
Group Insurance for Elderly Retirees. . . . .	3,804.00
Savings Bond Deductions . . . . .	42,536.62
Blue Cross Deductions . . . . .	577,596.17
Tailings. . . . .	<u>5,392.46</u>

\$6,726,053.66

Deposits . . . . .	24,124.15
Water Department Accounts. . . . .	1,231,340.20
Interest on Taxes, etc. . . . .	79,415.43
Trust Fund Income . . . . .	19,913.58
Accrued Interest . . . . .	62,525.06
Temporary Loans . . . . .	12,000,000.00
Loans in Anticipation of Federally Aided Public Works Projects	
H.U.D. Open Space Land Program OSC-72-Renewals . . . . .	102,853.17
D.O.I. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation Renovation Trum Field Park	
Project No. BOST-DOI 25-00120-Renewals . . . . .	280,000.00
Refunds . . . . .	<u>47,250.42</u>
Total Receipts. . . . .	\$61,481,611.45
Cash Balance July 1, 1974. . . . .	2,948,846.17
Cash Adjustment . . . . .	<u>5,733.88</u>
	<u><u>\$64,436,191.50</u></u>

## C.C.J. Police Dept. Grants:

## Field Operations Improvements

Project No. 74C-143.032 . . . . .	53,828.77
Project No. 74C-143.032 S.B.I.F. . . . .	1,565.79

## Record Filing System

Project No. 72-021X-529AO . . . . .	18,693.09
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## C.C.J. Grant, Project U.S.E.

Project No. 73C-242.113 . . . . .	23,705.00
Project No. 73C-242.113 S.B.I.F. . . . .	-----

## Federal Grants:

## U.S. Dept. of Labor-Manpower Administration

E.E.A. Section 5 . . . . .	246,772.29
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## U.S. Civil Service Commission

Intergovernmental Personnel Act . . . . .	381.95
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## H.U.D. Comprehensive Planning Assistance-Sec. 701

No. 73-01-06-1036 . . . . .	-----
No. 74-01-06-1062 . . . . .	22,204.50
No. 75-01-00-1023 . . . . .	28,091.38

## H.E.W. Public Health Service

## Lead Control Program

Project No. 01-H-000181-01-0 . . . . .	-----
Project No. 01-H-000181-02-0 . . . . .	6,501.39
Project No. 01-H-000181-03-0 . . . . .	70,193.09
H.U.D. Community Development Block Grant FY75	8,486.69
ACTION – Volunteer Coordinator Program. . . . .	202.30
E.M.H.R.D.A. – C.E.T.A.	
Title I. . . . .	323,415.92
Title II FY 74 . . . . .	399,782.43
Title II FY 75 . . . . .	376,271.89
Title III R.S.P.. . . . .	9,187.02
Title III S.J.C. . . . .	209,049.00
Title VI FY 75 . . . . .	477,395.67
E.M.O.C. Grant–Manpower Planning Board. . . . .	912.92
C. of M. Executive Office of Elder Affairs	
Title III Home Maint. Project . . . . .	15,000.00
C. of M. Bicentennial Heritage Gateway Chart . . . . .	3,280.00
School Dept. Grants:	
Public Law 864 . . . . .	5,439.85
Public Law 874 . . . . .	58,520.00
Public Law 87-415 . . . . .	2,870.54
Adult Basic Education:	
Project No. 73-24. . . . .	4,874.95
Project No. 74-24S. . . . .	40,763.93
Project No. 75-24 . . . . .	102,767.62
Project No. 75-24 and 75-43 S.C.A.L.E. . . . .	378.00
School Dept. Grants:	
Public Law 89-10, Title I	
Project No. 73-274 . . . . .	-----
Project No. 73-274-058 BLAST . . . . .	-----
Project No. 73-274-207 S.E.P. . . . .	96.16
Project No. 74-274-093 BLAST . . . . .	171,662.74
Project No. 74-274-315 S.E.P. . . . .	120,193.73
Project No. 75-274-134 BLAST . . . . .	433,072.10
Public Law 89-10, Title II. . . . .	-----
Public Law 92-318 . . . . .	15,476.47
School Based Drug Abuse Prevention	
Project No. T0826SG – P.L. 91-527. . . . .	1,959.93

Public Law 89-10, Title II	
Project No. 89 ESEA . . . . .	21,684.21
Project No. 74 . . . . .	2,015.04
Project No. 75 . . . . .	1,846.29
Public Law 89-10, Title VI-B . . . . .	9,273.88
Health-Bottling Licenses . . . . .	20.00
Conservation Commission Fund. . . . .	12,824.76
Income of Trust Funds . . . . .	20,679.52
Hot Lunch Receipts . . . . .	892,433.41
Athletic Receipts . . . . .	4,703.09
Middlesex County Assessment, 1974-75 . . . . .	856,480.16
Middlesex County Assessment, 1974-75 . . . . .	142,944.34
Middlesex County-Dog Licenses . . . . .	11,384.30
Middlesex County-Sale of Dogs . . . . .	147.00
State Taxes and Assessment 1974-75 . . . . .	3,954,157.47
Reserve for Debt on Funding Loan . . . . .	695,804.00
Total Payments to date . . . . .	\$62,594,683.31
Cash Balance on hand . . . . .	1,835,774.31
Cash Adjustment . . . . .	5,733.88
	<u>\$64,436,191.50</u>

## NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS

### RECEIPTS

#### Loans in Anticipation of Bonds and Renewals:

School Project Loan – Ward II . . . . .	\$ 5,400,000.00
School Project Loan – Ward IV . . . . .	3,470,000.00
Capital Improvements to Parks and Playgrounds–	
Trum Field Renovations . . . . .	440,000.00
New Fire Station Bonds 1974 . . . . .	2,830,000.00
Remodeling of Central Library Bonds . . . . .	365,000.00
Remodeling of Conwell and Healey	
Elementary Schools Loan . . . . .	25,000.00
Redemption of Cash Invested and Renewals . . . . .	4,131,349.11
Total Receipts . . . . .	\$16,661,349.11
Cash Balance . . . . .	1,334,224.94
	<u>\$17,995,574.05</u>



## NON-REVENUE PAYMENTS

### PAYMENTS

Appropriations . . . . .	\$ 7,557,918.27
Cash Invested and Renewals . . . . .	2,600,000.00
Loans in Anticipation of Bond Issues (Renewals):	
School Project Loan—Elementary—Ward I. . . . .	-----
School Project Loan—Elementary—Ward II . . . . .	2,920,000.00
School Project Loan—Elementary—Ward VI. . . . .	1,825,000.00
Capital Improvements to Parks and Playgrounds—	
Trum Field Renovations . . . . .	440,000.00
New Fire Station Bonds 1974 . . . . .	1,955,000.00
Library Remodeling and Reconstruction Loan . . . . .	<u>220,000.00</u>
Total Payments . . . . .	\$17,517,918.27
Cash on hand . . . . .	<u>477,655.78</u>
	<u><u>\$17,995,574.05</u></u>

## SPECIAL CASH ACCOUNT

### RECEIPTS

Federal Revenue Sharing Funds. . . . .	\$ 2,060,850.00
Accrued Interest . . . . .	245,658.45
Redemption of Cash Invested and Renewals. . . . .	<u>\$17,699,638.66</u>
Total Receipts to date . . . . .	\$20,006,147.11
Cash Balance July 1, 1974 . . . . .	90,637.41
Cash Adjustment . . . . .	<u>629,702.76</u>
	<u><u>\$20,726,487.28</u></u>

### PAYMENTS

Appropriations . . . . .	\$ 2,125,086.00
Federal Revenue Sharing Funds Invested . . . . .	<u>17,817,055.15</u>
Total Payment to date . . . . .	\$19,942,141.15
Cash Balance. . . . .	154,643.37
Cash Adjustment . . . . .	<u>629,702.76</u>
	<u><u>\$20,726,487.28</u></u>

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND COLLECTOR OF TAXES

To the Honorable, the Mayor  
and the Board of Aldermen  
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

I herewith present the annual report of the City Treasurer and Collector of Taxes for the fiscal year 1974-1975.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Hilliard  
City Treasurer and  
Collector of Taxes

### STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FISCAL YEAR 1974-1975

Cash Balance	Revenue Funds	Non Revenue Funds	Totals
July 1, 1974	\$ 2,978,889.77	\$ 1,334,224.94	\$ 4,313,114.71
Receipts	61,481,611.45	16,661,349.11	78,142,960.56
Cash Adjustment	<u>5,733.88</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>5,733.88</u>
	\$64,594,683.31	\$17,517,918.27	\$82,461,809.15

### DISBURSEMENTS

Revenue Payments	<u>\$62,594,683.31</u>	<u>\$17,517,918.27</u>	<u>\$80,112,601.58</u>
Cash on Hand June 30, 1975	<u>\$ 1,871,551.79</u>	<u>\$ 477,655.78</u>	<u>\$ 2,349,207.57</u>

## SPECIAL CASH

Cash Balance July 1, 1977 . . . . .	\$ 90,637.41
Receipts . . . . .	<u>2,690,552.76</u>
Accrued Interest . . . . .	<u>245,658.45</u>
	3,026,848.62
Total Payments. . . . .	<u>2,242,502.49</u>
Cash Balance June 30, 1975 . . . . .	\$ 784,346.13

## SCHEDULE OF TAX LIENS ASSESSMENT AND VALUATIONS

Assessed Valuation—1974–1975 REAL AND PERSONAL	\$139,968,300.00
Equalized Valuation—1974–1975 as determined by State Tax Commission	330,000,000.00
Motor Vehicle Valuation—1974–1975 \$66.00 per \$1,000.	
Real Estate and Personal Property	
Tax Rate—1974–1975	\$196.20 per \$1,000.
Committed for Collection 1974–1975	
<b>Real Estate Taxes</b>	\$ 24,166,248.30
Water Liens	58,245.50
Building Codes	3,900.00
<b>TOTAL REAL ESTATE</b>	24,228,393.80
<b>Personal Property Taxes 1974–1975</b>	<u>3,304,832.04</u>
1974–1975 Real and Personal Tax Levy	27,533,225.84
<b>Water Departmental Accounts Committed for Collection in 1974–1975</b>	1,298,767.72
<b>Other Departmental Accounts Committed for Collection in 1974–1975</b>	<u>182,596.33</u>
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT COMMITTED</b>	\$29,014,589.89
<b>State Assessment For City in 1974–1975</b>	\$3,954,157.47
<b>County Tax Assessment for City in 1974–1975</b>	<u>\$856,480.16</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENTS</b>	\$4,810,637.63

**MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES  
COMMITTED IN 1974-1975**

**1975 Excise Committed in 1974-1975**

Comm.	Date	Amount
#1	3-26-75	\$298,309.28
2	4-23-75	326,851.23
3	4-28-75	1,551.00
4	5-16-75	<u>301,047.22</u>
	TOTAL	\$927,758.73

**1974 Excise Committed in 1974-1975**

Comm.	Date	Amount
	7-10-74	\$ 2,245.65
	7-19-74	242,607.32
	8-16-74	3,171.30
	9-25-74	2,533.30
	10-17-74	547,907.22
	12-5-74	2,178.00
	12-24-74	355,526.31
	2-3-75	46,750.00
	2-12-75	3,600.00
	2-19-75	88,328.70
	3-12-75	53,082.84
	3-18-75	1,899.71
	4-15-75	887.43
	6-30-75	<u>22,410.27</u>
	TOTAL	\$1,373,128.05

**1973 Excise Committed in 1974-1975**

Comm.	Date	Amount
	8-9-74	\$ 261.80
	8-26-74	80,476.90
	11-15-74	20,473.71
	12-4-74	365.48
	3-7-75	28,365.00
	4-14-75	74.60

6-18-75	<u>1,456.95</u>
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TOTAL	\$131,474.44
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### 1972 Excise Committed in 1974-1975

Comm.	Date	Amount
	8-9-74	\$ <u>408.11</u>
	TOTALS	\$2,432,769.33

### TEMPORARY LOANS IN ANTICIPATION OF REVENUE IN 1974-1975

Date of Note	Due Date	Rate	Amount
7-1-74	11-7-74	500M @ 5.25%	\$2,000,000.00
		500M @ 5.35%	
		500M @ 5.55%	
		500M @ 5.65%	
9-3-74	11-8-74	200M @ 6.15%	1,000,000.00
		250M @ 6.15%	
		550M @ 6.17%	
9-19-74	11-8-74	200M @ 5.49%	1,000,000.00
		250M @ 5.76%	
		250M @ 5.80%	
		250M @ 5.85%	
		50M @ 5.95%	
9-26-74	11-15-74	250M @ 5.38%	1,000,000.00
		250M @ 5.30%	
		500M @ 5.40%	
12-2-74	12-31-74	250M @ 4.13%	1,000,000.00
		750M @ 4.20%	
12-31-74	5-9-75	1,000,000.00 @ 4.40%	1,000,000.00

1-14-75	5-9-75	250M @ 4.00%	1,000,000.00
		250M @ 4.02%	
		250M @ 4.10%	
		250M @ 4.10%	
1-31-75	5-9-75	250M @ 4.00%	1,500,000.00
		250M @ 4.08%	
		250M @ 4.11%	
		250M @ 4.12%	
		500M @ 4.14%	
2-11-75	5-5-75	200M @ 3.61%	1,000,000.00
		250M @ 3.70%	
		550M @ 3.70%	
2-25-75	5-6-75	200M @ 3.21%	1,000,000.00
		800M @ 3.35%	
3-10-75	5-1-75	250M @ 3.09%	500,00.00
		125M @ 3.17%	
		125M @ 3.17%	

**BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES ISSUED 1974-1975**

August 7, 1974  
\$100,00.00 @ 6.50% Interest payable at maturity November 1,  
1974 for  
FIRE STATION BOND

September 3, 1974  
\$30,000.00 @ 6.25% Interest payable at maturity November 1,  
1974 for  
FEDERAL AID – TRUM FIELD

September 27, 1974  
\$100,000.00 @ 6.25% Interest payable at maturity November 1,  
1974 for  
FIRE STATION BOND



November 1, 1974

\$145,000.00 @ 6.25% Interest payable at maturity November 1,  
1974 for  
FEDERAL AID – TRUM FIELD

November 5, 1974

\$100,000.00 @ 5.25% Interest payable at maturity January 31,  
1975 for  
FIRE STATION BOND

November 27, 1974

\$500,000.00 @ 4.90% Interest payable at maturity January 31,  
1975 for  
SCHOOL PROJECT

November 27, 1974

\$32,853.17 @ 5.25% Interest payable at maturity January 31,  
1975 for  
FEDERAL AID – TRUM FIELD

December 17, 1974

\$580,000.00 @ 4.90% Interest payable at maturity January 31,  
1975 for  
\$260,000.00 for SCHOOL PROJECT LOAN WARD II  
\$320,000.00 for SCHOOL PROJECT LOAN WARD IV

January 16, 1975

\$75,000.00 @ 4.75% Interest payable at maturity March 31,  
1975 for  
FIRE STATION BOND

January 20, 1975

\$75,000.00 @ 4.75% Interest payable at maturity March 31,  
1975 for  
LIBRARY REMODELING

January 24, 1975

\$600,000.00 @ 4.75% Interest payable at maturity June 18, 1975 for

\$350,000.00 for SCHOOL PROJECT WARD II

\$200,000.00 for SCHOOL PROJECT WARD IV

\$50,000.00 for FIRE STATION

February 25, 1975

\$215,000.00 @ 4.40% Interest payable at maturity June 18, 1975 for

\$50,000.00 for SCHOOL PROJECT WARD II

\$135,000.00 for SCHOOL PROJECT WARD IV

\$30,000.00 for FIRE STATION

March 7, 1975

\$330,000.00 @ 4.25% Interest payable at maturity June 18, 1975 for

\$300,000.00 for SCHOOL PROJECT WARD IV

\$30,000.00 for LIBRARY REMODELING

April 8, 1975

\$375,000.00 @ 3.60% Interest payable at maturity June 18, 1975 for

\$300,000.00 for SCHOOL PROJECT WARD II

\$75,000.00 for FIRE STATION

April 22, 1975

\$200,000.00 @ 3.25% Interest payable at maturity June 18, 1975 for

SCHOOL PROJECT WARD IV

April 30, 1975

\$375,000.00 @ 3.50% Interest payable at maturity June 18, 1975 for

\$300,000.00 for SCHOOL PROJECT WARD IV

\$75,000.00 for FIRE STATION

May 7, 1975

\$40,000.00 @ 3.25% Interest payable at maturity June 18,  
1975 for  
LIBRARY REMODELING

May 14, 1975

\$300,000.00 @ 3.25% Interest payable at maturity June 18,  
1975 for  
SCHOOL PROJECT WARD IV

May 20, 1975

\$400,000.00 @ 3.50% Interest payable at maturity June 18,  
1975 for  
SCHOOL PROJECT WARD II

May 23, 1975

\$50,000.00 @ 3.50% Interest payable at maturity June 18,  
1975 for  
SCHOOL PROJECT WARD IV

June 3, 1975

\$200,000.00 @ 3.50% Interest payable at maturity September  
2, 1975 for  
FIRE STATION

June 12, 1975

\$175,000.00 @ 3.25% Interest payable at maturity September 2,  
1975 for \$140,000.00 for  
SCHOOL PROJECT WARD IV  
35,000.00 for  
FIRE STATION

June 27, 1975

\$380,000.00 @ 3.25% Interest payable at maturity September  
2, 1975 for \$320,000.00 for  
SCHOOL PROJECT WARD II  
\$60,000.00  
FIRE STATION

June 30, 1975

\$25,000.00 @ 3.25% Interest payable at maturity September 2,  
1975 for

CONWELL HEALEY REMODELING

**SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING FUNDED DEBT  
AS OF JUNE 30, 1975**

Description of Issue	Interest Rate	Date of Issue	Due Date	Amount Due
School Remodeling Loan-1969	5.60%	8-1-69	1983	\$ 405,000.00
School Remodeling Loan-1971	5.25%	2-1-73	1975	25,000.00
PWD Incinerator Loan-1958-1959	3.10%	3-1-59	1977	260,000.00
Water Bond-1974	5.00%	2-1-74	1980	70,000.00
Municipal Purpose Loan-1974	5.00%	2-1-74	1982	1,040,000.00
Capital Improvement Bonds-1974	5.00%	2-1-74	1981	<u>125,000.00</u>
TOTAL OF LOANS INSIDE DEBT LIMIT				\$1,925,000.00

**LOANS OUTSIDE STATUTORY DEBT LIMIT**

Description of Issue	Interest Rate	Date of Issue	Due Date	Amount Due
Elementary School Loan-1964	3.10%	10-1-64	1983	\$1,050,000.00
Elementary School Loan-Ward I	5.60%	9-1-70	1989	2,950,000.00
Elementary School Loan-Ward VII and Pope School Addition	5.25%	8-1-72	1991	4,200,000.00
Urban Renewal Loan-1969	5.60%	8-1-69	1986	625,000.00
Funding Loan-1971	5.60%	12-1-73	1991	5,945,000.00
School Project Loan-1974	5.50%	2-1-74	1994	<u>6,390,000.00</u>
TOTAL LOANS OUTSIDE STATUTORY DEBT LIMIT				\$21,160,000.00

**PROJECTED ANNUAL FUNDED DEBT  
AND INTEREST PAYMENTS  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1974**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total Amount Due</b>
1975	\$1,870,000.00	\$1,248,582.50	\$3,118,582.50
1976	1,820,000.00	1,153,417.50	2,973,417.50
1977	1,805,000.00	1,059,852.50	2,864,852.50
1978	1,625,000.00	966,287.50	2,591,287.50
1979	1,520,000.00	884,777.50	2,404,777.50
1980	1,445,000.00	807,360.00	2,252,360.00
1981	1,435,000.00	731,570.00	2,166,570.00
1982	1,390,000.00	657,155.00	2,047,155.00
1983	1,315,000.00	585,740.00	1,900,740.00
1984	1,200,000.00	516,200.00	1,716,200.00
1985	1,200,000.00	450,225.00	1,650,225.00
1986	1,180,000.00	385,250.00	1,564,250.00
1987	1,150,000.00	319,395.00	1,469,395.00
1988	1,150,000.00	256,220.00	1,406,220.00
1989	1,100,000.00	193,045.00	1,293,045.00
1990	950,000.00	132,760.00	1,082,760.00
1991	895,000.00	80,695.00	975,695.00
1992	350,000.00	31,625.00	381,625.00
1993	250,000.00	15,125.00	265,125.00
1994	<u>150,000.00</u>	<u>4,125.00</u>	<u>154,125.00</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$23,800,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,478,407.50</b>	<b>\$34,278,407.50</b>

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TOTALS	\$21,930,000.00	\$9,229,825.00	\$31,159,825.00

**PROJECTED FUNDED DEBT AND INTEREST  
TO BE PAID IN 1974-1975**

Month Due	Bond Amount	Interest On Bonds	Total Due
JULY	-----	-----	-----
AUGUST	\$ 475,000.00	\$ 346,346.25	\$ 821,346.25
SEPTEMBER	200,000.00	86,010.00	286,010.00
OCTOBER	130,000.00	16,955.00	146,955.00
NOVEMBER	-----	-----	-----
DECEMBER	350,000.00	166,460.00	516,460.00
JANUARY	-----	-----	-----
FEBRUARY	635,000.00	333,527.50	968,527.50
MARCH	55,000.00	287,065.00	342,065.00
APRIL	-----	14,925.00	14,925.00
MAY	-----	-----	-----
JUNE	-----	156,660.00	156,660.00
TOTALS	\$1,845,000.00	\$1,507,948.75	\$3,252,948.75

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH CITY OF SOMERVILLE FOR 1975

### REPORTS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES, SCHOOL NURSES, HEALTH OFFICER, SANITARY INSPECTORS, VETERINARIAN, MILK INSPECTOR, SCHOOL DENTISTS, HOUSING INSPECTORS AND HEALTH AGENTS.

To the Honorable Mayor  
and the Board of Alderman  
of the City of Somerville.

Gentlemen:

We respectfully submit the following, which is a summary of the work of the department for the year 1975, as the twenty-seventh annual report for the Board of Health.

### LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED

Slaughter	One License @ \$1.00 per. . . . .	\$ 1.00
Physical Therapist	One License @ \$1.00 per. . . . .	1.00
Bottling	One License @ \$20.00 per. . . . .	20.00
Milk	194 Licenses @ \$2.00 per . . . . .	388.00
Oleo	91 Licenses @ \$ .50 per. . . . .	45.50
Ice Cream	198 Licenses @ \$1.00 per . . . . .	198.00
Ice Cream Mfg.	10 Licenses @ \$5.00 per . . . . .	50.00
Ice Cream Mfg.	1 License @ \$200.00 per . . . . .	200.00
Food Service	199 Licenses @ \$5.00 per . . . . .	995.00
Rabies	538 Inoculations @ \$1.50 per . . . . .	807.00
Nursing Homes	9 Licenses approved by Health Officer. . . . .	No Charge
Funereal Directors	25 Licenses approved by State Public Health . . . . .	No Charge

Total collected on above licenses . . . . . \$2,705.50

## BIOLOGICAL SUPPLIES AND DIAGNOSTIC TEST OUTFITS

The Board of Health continued as distribution center for all biologic supplies and diagnostic test outfits, with substations at the following locations:

Health Clinic	Public Works Building
Reed Drug Store	Davis Square
Lepore Pharmacy	725 Broadway
Union Square Pharmacy	23 Union Square
Apothecary Hall	152 Highland Avenue
Janar Pharmacy	497 Broadway
Central Hospital	Central Street

### Biologicals:

Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis Antigen  
 Diphtheria and Tetanus (Children)  
 Diphtheria and Tetanus (Adult)  
 Immune Serum Globulin  
 Tuberculin  
 Poliomyelitis Vaccine  
 Tetanus Toxoid  
 Typhoid  
 Measles, Mumps and German Measles (Combination)

### Diagnostic Test Outfits:

Throat Cultures  
 Serology Tubes  
 Undulant Fever  
 Enteric Cultures  
 Gonorrhea Smear

## SCHOOL NURSES REPORT 1974-1975

Physical examinations completed in all schools with the exception of East Somerville Community School.



Report submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, also a duplicate form to the Board of Health.

Tine testing done in all first grades with parental permissions, also Mantoux in grades nine with parental permissions.

This year was third year since the majority of school personnel had been Mantouxed or X-rayed as required by State Law.

The nurses completed this program also arranged for X-rays on all with positive Mantoux.

Report on tuberculin testing sent to Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Tuberculosis Control, also a copy to the Board of Health.

#### PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Hearing tests performed . . . . .	12,591
Hearing tests failures . . . . .	609
Hearing test follow-up . . . . .	292

#### PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

Hearing test failures . . . . .	80
Hearing test follow-up . . . . .	47

#### PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Vision tests performed . . . . .	12,712
Vision test failures . . . . .	605
Vision test follow-up . . . . .	370

#### PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

Vision tests failed . . . . .	171
Vision test follow-up . . . . .	120

Polio Sabin Trivalent given to all grades, elementary through Junior with parental permission.

Polio. . . . . ages 5—12 . . . . .	6775
Polio. . . . . ages 12— . . . . .	2692

Tetanus, Diphtheria given . . . . .	ages 6—12 . . . . .	88
Measles, Mumps & Rubella . . . . .	ages 5—12 . . . . .	25
Measles, Mumps & Rubella . . . . .	ages 12— . . . . .	15
Measles, Rubella . . . . .	ages 5—12 . . . . .	24
Mumps . . . . .	ages 5—12 . . . . .	8

School Health materials ordered for coming year 1975-1976. Order blanks sent to Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Division of Family Health Services—School Health Unit. Duplicate copy enclosed.

### SUMMARY OF TUBERCULIN TESTING PROGRAM

#### First Grade — Tine Test

1. Available for testing. . . . .	1,080
2. Number tested . . . . .	979
3. Number read . . . . .	979
4. Number Negative. . . . .	978
8. Number on Prophylaxis . . . . .	1

#### Ninth Grade — Mantoux

1. Available for testing. . . . .	1,080
2. Number tested . . . . .	917
3. Number read . . . . .	917
4. Number Negative. . . . .	901
5. Number for retest by X-ray . . . . .	16
7. Number read and induration . . . . .	10+mm . . . . . 16
8. Number on Prophylaxis . . . . .	8

#### School Personnel — Mantoux

1. Available for testing. . . . .	886
2. Number tested . . . . .	873
3. Number read . . . . .	873
4. Number Negative. . . . .	835
5. Number for retest by X-ray . . . . .	38
7. Number read and induration . . . . .	10+mm . . . . . x
8. Number on Prophylaxis . . . . .	7

All positive Mantoux checked by Board of Health. X-rayed and follow up completed.

Report submitted by:

Margaret M. Donovan, R.N.  
Senior School Nurse

## TUBERCULOSIS

Tuberculosis, all forms reported, totaled 14 patients. There were 3 of these patients admitted to the Cambridge Chest Clinic and 4 of these patients admitted to the Middlesex County Hospital in 1975.

### AGE AND SEX OF CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS REPORTED DURING 1975

There were no cases reported under 30 years of age.

30 years to 40 years of age . . . . . 1 Female

Over 40 years of age . . . . . 8 Males and 5 Females.

### IMMUNIZATION CLINICS FOR 1975

<i>Vaccine</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Booster</i>
Diphtheria, Pertussis & Tetanus	314	73	41	53	147
Polio	377	64	47	69	197
Mumps	19	-----	-----	-----	-----
Measles	0	-----	-----	-----	-----
German Measles	1	-----	-----	-----	-----
Rubella and Measles	1	-----	-----	-----	-----
Tuberculin Skin Tests	146	-----	-----	-----	-----
Measles — Mumps — Rubella	113	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total Immunizations	971	137	88	122	344

Approximately 1500 were inoculated at the Flu Clinic

The following home visits made:

Tuberculosis . . . . .	323
Miscellaneous Contagious Diseases . . . . .	187
Typhoid . . . . .	9
Infant Hygiene . . . . .	<u>140</u>
TOTAL	659

### CONTAGIOUS DISEASES REPORTED TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH

1. Chicken pox . . . . .	6	6. German Measles . . . . .	14
2. Hepatitis . . . . .	5	7. Meningitis . . . . .	5
3. Psittacosis . . . . .	1	8. Salmonellosis . . . . .	6
4. Streptococcal . . . . .	157	9. Tuberculosis . . . . .	<u>14</u>
5. Typhoid . . . . .	1	TOTAL	209

### MORTALITY — 1975

Deaths by Ages	Male	Female	Total
1. Under one year . . . . .	0	0	0
2. One to five years . . . . .	0	0	0
3. Five to ten years . . . . .	0	0	0
4. Ten to fifteen years . . . . .	0	0	0
5. Fifteen to twenty years . . . . .	2	0	2
6. Twenty to thirty years . . . . .	5	3	8
7. Thirty to forty years . . . . .	7	0	7
8. Forty to fifty years . . . . .	24	6	30
9. Fifty to sixty years . . . . .	37	19	56
10. Sixty to seventy years . . . . .	53	34	87
11. Seventy to eighty years . . . . .	82	61	143
12. Eighty to ninety years . . . . .	7	19	26
14. Over one hundred years . . . . .	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
TOTALS	281	224	505

# CAUSES OF DEATHS — 1975

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Totals
1. Infectious & Parasitic Diseases . . . . .	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2. Cancer and other tumors . . . . .	6	5	4	5	2	6	3	6	5	5	6	2	55
3. Rheumatism, — diseases of nutrition, etc. . . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
4. Diseases of Blood forming organs . . . . .	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	9
5. Chronic poisoning and Intoxication . . . . .	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	2	8
6. Diseases of Nervous System & Sense Organs . . . .	4	2	7	2	7	5	5	11	4	2	4	6	59
7. Diseases of Circulatory System . . . . .	27	13	19	23	22	21	18	24	25	17	23	39	271
8. Diseases of Respiratory System . . . . .	6	8	9	2	3	8	3	4	2	5	5	5	60
9. Diseases of Digestive System . . . . .	0	1	1	2	0	1	2	3	0	0	2	0	12
10. Diseases of Genito-Urinary System . . . . .	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	5
11. Diseases of Pregnancy — Childbirth, etc. . . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12. Diseases of skin and cellular tissue . . . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. Diseases of bones — organs of movement . . . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
14. Congenital malformation . . . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15. Diseases peculiar to 1st year of life . . . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16. Senility . . . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17. Violent or accidental . . . . .	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	1	1	3	2	1	14
18. Ill defined and unknown causes . . . . .	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	7
Totals . . . . .	44	30	45	36	36	44	35	52	38	37	46	62	505

### Deaths at Institutions

1. Deaths at Somerville Hospital . . . . .	225
2. Deaths at Central Hospital . . . . .	85
3. Deaths at Holy Rosary Home . . . . .	14
4. Deaths at other institutions . . . . .	<u>29</u>

### TOTALS

### Deaths During the last 10 years

1966 . . . . .	714	1971 . . . . .	624
1967 . . . . .	716	1972 . . . . .	613
1968 . . . . .	696	1973 . . . . .	574
1969 . . . . .	682	1974 . . . . .	566
1970 . . . . .	696	1975 . . . . .	<u>505</u>

### ANIMAL BITES

The following is a list of the various animal bites reported in the City of Somerville during the year 1975:

Dog Bites . . . . .	241
Cat Bites . . . . .	4
Mouse Bite . . . . .	1
Rat Bite . . . . .	1
Possum Bite . . . . .	1
Snake Bite . . . . .	1
Monkey Bite . . . . .	1
Hampster Bite . . . . .	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	251

The above animal bites were reported to the Somerville Veterinarian when the animal owner was known. Where possible the animal was ordered to be restrained.

In April of 1975 the Board of Health sponsored a Rabies Clinic, which saw 538 dogs inoculated against rabies.

## SANITARY COMPLAINTS AND CONDEMNATIONS — 1975

Following is a summary of complaints, inspections and condemnations made by the Sanitary Inspectors during 1975.

### Sanitary complaints:

Burning rubbish . . . . .	2
Dumping rubbish in restricted areas . . . . .	5
Dirty stores . . . . .	0
Garbage and rubbish . . . . .	70
Uncovered garbage and rubbish barrels . . . . .	45
Uncovered meat in market . . . . .	3
Adulterated foods . . . . .	0
Exposed food complaints . . . . .	25
Lack of heat . . . . .	0
Defective plumbing . . . . .	1
Leaky roofs . . . . .	0
Rat and roach infestation . . . . .	7
Offensive odors . . . . .	12
Smoke nuisances . . . . .	4
Food and liquors condemned . . . . .	5
Mosquitos . . . . .	0
Water . . . . .	2
Miscellaneous . . . . .	40
TOTAL	221

## CONDEMNATIONS

Number of establishments inspected . . . . .	1870
Number of complaints written, inspected . . . . .	192
Notices sent . . . . .	65

### CONDEMNATIONS OF FOODSTUFFS

Bakery products . . .	190 loaves of bread	
Shortening . . . . .	250 Lbs.	56 dozen eggs
Candy . . . . .	310 Lbs.	410 Lbs. Meat Products
Potatoe Chips . . . . .	480 Pkgs.	205 Quarts of Milk

Cookies . . . . .	140 Lbs.	45 Cases Canned Foods
Crackers . . . . .	24 Cases assorted	10 Bushels Produce
Ice Cream . . . . .	125 Gallons	450 Lbs. Cheese
Macaroni Products . . . . .	220 Lbs.	200 Lbs. Misc. Foodstuffs

**REPORT OF THE MILK INSPECTOR**

An average of 40,000 quarts of milk and 1,000 quarts of cream are distributed daily in Somerville.

Routine sanitary inspections are made of establishments licensed for manufacture or sale of milk, ice cream and other dairy products.

A total of 416 inspections were made during 1975.

Samples collected . . . . .	31
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Examinations:

Bacteriological . . . . .	124
Chemical . . . . .	93
Phosphatase . . . . .	31
Microscopic . . . . .	<u>6</u>
Total Examinations . . . . .	254

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT – 1975**

Area Coding:

Dwelling units inspected . . . . .	2,911
Dwelling units with violations . . . . .	1,721
Dwelling units with violations corrected . . . . .	1,302
Dwelling units re-inspected . . . . .	3,524

Specific Telephone Complaints Received:

Dwelling units investigated . . . . .	1,249
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## Breakdown of Telephone Complaints:

Rubbish . . . . .	314
Water . . . . .	150
Heat . . . . .	149
Rodents . . . . .	104
Electrical . . . . .	57
Sanitary . . . . .	62
Dogs . . . . .	83
Miscellaneous . . . . .	330

## Court Cases:

Court complaints filed . . . . .	111
Court cases resolved . . . . .	84
Court cases still active . . . . .	27
Total court appearances . . . . .	312

## Law Enforcement:

Legal notices served . . . . .	1,615
Legal notices served (Constable Service) . . . . .	0
Legal notices served (Certified Mail) . . . . .	36
Ownership (Title search Registry of Deeds) . . . . .	54
*Buildings placarded . . . . .	13

\*See Attached

**CONDEMNATIONS**

1214 Broadway  
 73 Curtis Street (1 unit)  
 45 Elm Street  
 23 Bonair Street  
 27 Bonair Street  
 20 Summer Street (1 unit)  
 50A Memorial Road (1 unit)  
 44 Sewall Street  
 71-73 Pearl Street  
 116 Walnut Street (1 unit)  
 23 Bow Street  
 18 Winslow Avenue (1 unit)  
 25 Washington Street

	Kennedy	Conwell	Healy	E.S.C.S.	St. Joseph's	P.H.C.S.	Totals
<b>Patients:</b>							
Old Cases	420	44	418	332	319	106	1639
New Cases	45	0	60	0	61	0	166
Emergency Cases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Cases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cases Discharged	48	8	89	0	52	16	213
Cases Continued	418	22	389	0	337	90	1592
<b>Treatments:</b>							
No. of Visits	466	44	478	332	389	106	1815
No. of Fillings	450	36	328	0	1075	114	2003
No. of Treatments	7	0	6	0	8	1	22
No. of Extractions	11	0	6	0	5	3	27
No. of Certs.	42	0	0	103	38	16	199
No. of Prophylactics	0	0	10	332	160	145	647
No. of Fluoride	0	0	0	332	158	145	635

## CIVIL DEFENSE DEPARTMENT

### ANNUAL REPORT – 1975

During the year 1975, the volunteers of the Somerville Civil Defense Department donated a total of over 23,000 hours to the City of Somerville. This is broken down as follows:

**Auxiliary Police:** Over 13,000 hours, which includes cruiser duty, church traffic, anti-vandalism patrols of the public buildings, police science training, firearms instruction, parades, holidays and crowd control at fires.

**Auxiliary Fire:** Over 10,000 hours, which includes emergency response to fires, water leaks, pumpouts, summer concerts, mutual aid to other cities and training assignments.

This combined total of hours for the two Auxiliary Units, over 23,000 hours, represents a total savings to the City by our volunteer Civil Defense forces of \$138,000.00 for 1975.

Once again, we of the Somerville Civil Defense Department are proud to have the best trained and most active Auxiliary Units in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

This year Somerville Civil Defense has sponsored two courses in Disaster Preparation for Nurses, two Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation Courses and conducted a highly publicized and very successful disaster drill for our two hospitals and our fire department. We were also active in the combined disaster drill held by the Middlesex Hospital Association. Both the volunteers and staff have participated in Rescue, Fire-fighting, Emergency Medical Training, Police Science and Radiological Monitoring Courses given at the State Academy in Topsfield.

The Civil Defense Department has actively sought surplus and excess property and has participated in all programs which makes this property

available to us. In 1975 we received over \$65,000.00 in Surplus Property. The equipment received includes:

- 4 — Post Office Trucks
- 2 — Pickup Trucks
- 3 — Police Package Sedans
- 3 — Trailers
- 1 — 2½-Ton Cargo Truck
- 1 — 4-Wheel drive Carryall
- 1 — Fertilizer Spreader
- 8 — Electric Typewriters

Other miscellaneous items, such as floor scrubber/polisher machines, sockets, file cabinets and clothes lockers have been obtained. All of this property is currently in use by various city departments and more is constantly being sought.

Because of a successful program and the revision of our Emergency Operating Plan, our eligibility for Matching Funds was once again approved and over \$12,600.00 in Federal Funds was received by the City for Civil Defense salaries.

In summary, Civil Defense provided service and equipment savings to the City as follows:

Volunteer manhours, saving . . . . .	\$138,000.00
Surplus Property Acquisitions, saving . . . . .	65,000.00
Matching Federal Funds, saving . . . . .	12,600.00
A total saving of . . . . .	\$215,600.00

Respectfully submitted,

John A. McNerny  
*Director of Civil Defense*

To the Honorable Mayor  
and the Board of Aldermen  
of the City of Somerville

Dear Sirs:

The Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Somerville Public Library is herewith respectfully submitted and appended thereto, and forming a part of it, the Annual Report of the Director of Libraries, which details the growth and operation of the library for the past year.

Respectfully,

William T. Howe  
*Board of Trustees*

## ORGANIZATION OF LIBRARY STAFF PERSONNEL

Board Of Trustees	Term Expires
Rev. William T. Howe, Chairman	January 1, 1977
Mrs. Robin E. Glabe	January 1, 1976
Mrs. Agnes W. Benichasa	January 1, 1975
Mrs. Annie L. Johnson	January 1, 1977
Mr. Kenneth W. Lonergan	January 1, 1976
Mr. John Campagna	January 1, 1976
Mr. Thomas F. O'Brien	January 1, 1977
Rabbi Leo Shubow	January 1, 1975

## COMMITTEE ON BUILDING AND PROPERTY

The Chairman and the Vice Chairman

## SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

Mr. Kenneth W. Lonergan

**1975 Annual Report**  
**The Public Library of the**  
**City of Somerville**

The Somerville Public Library has undergone dramatic changes during 1975. A long hoped for renovation project began in June with the demolition of all but the four walls and roof of the Central building on Highland Avenue. The library staff and members of the Department of Public Works moved furniture and books out of the library and into storage and travel trailers. The final temporary home of the Central Library is the lower floor of City Hall.

At the end of this year the Central Building Project is 35% complete. New steel beams, floors, plumbing, heating and ventilation systems and a new roof have been installed. Finish work should begin shortly after the first of the year.

Somerville patrons and libraries in surrounding communities have been most co-operative during this period of construction. Our projected date for moving into the new quarters is the end of April 1976.

At the same time, restoration continued on the West Branch with CETA (Comprehensive Education and Training Act) workers and money from the Madeleine E. Lincoln Fund. The West Building has been painted, landscaped, and newly furnished under the close supervision of the Mayor.

Renovations on the East Branch began in December just as West Branch was again restored to some semblance of order. We look forward to having East Branch restored by the fall of next year. The staff of East Branch deserves recognition for their hard work in increasing circulation almost twofold in as many years.

Our operating budget was cut this year and has slowed down our

collection building progress. The past two years were spent trying to purchase some new titles in every area, but we had hoped to begin in depth subject area building this year. With book prices increasing by over fifteen percent and our book budget decreased by even a small amount, it is difficult to keep up with essential current purchases without trying to correct past deficiencies.

New periodical titles have been added and we are starting a microfilm collection of the most called for titles. We will have to acquire still more titles in order to have the type of collection a library serving a community the size of Somerville should have.

Despite our year of renovations, circulation for the first half of the year was higher than it had been for the previous years. Programs continue to be successful, drawing children and adults. Film programs at the Elderly Centers and pre-school story hours are very popular. Reading contests with prizes supplied by a local merchant brought many students to the library.

Our relationship with the schools continues to be productive. We encourage school visits by the students and class visits by our Children's and Young Adults' Librarians as well as try to have collections that meet school assignments.

No new part-time personnel have been hired during this renovation period. However, the Neighborhood Youth Corps were of much help during the summer and the City should be proud of its youth in this program.

The staff is to be commended for their sense of humor and willingness to do whatever is required of them during this difficult year. Rarely can a group work under such trying conditions and still keep service to the public their first priority. There is not enough time or funds to do all the programs and services most departments want to do and yet one must be impressed with what is done with the little available. Back up departments such as the Cataloging Department and the Office assist the public departments to carry out service. Our new building should make our ideas come to fruition but more funds for materials will be

necessary to make the Somerville Library able to serve its public in the manner to which they are entitled.

Although we will remember the year of 1975 as one of upheaval, I once again express my sincerest thanks to the Board of Trustees for their confidence in me and their desire to make the Somerville Public Library the best possible library. Without the cooperation of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen we would not be able to accomplish all that has been accomplished and I am grateful to them. But, also, we must thank our patrons, the citizens of Somerville, for putting up with a little inconvenience this year in order to have superior service in pleasant surroundings in the years to come.

Annalee M. Bundy



## OFFICE OF CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

To The Honorable, the Mayor  
and the Board of Aldermen  
of the City of Somerville

Dear Sirs:

I respectfully submit the Annual Report of the Fire Department for the year 1975.

The Fire Department responded to the following alarms during the year:

First Alarms . . . . .	3867
Second Alarms . . . . .	17
Third Alarms . . . . .	9
Fourth Alarms . . . . .	1
Still Alarms . . . . .	<u>3054</u>
Total Alarms . . . . .	6948

Five citizens lost their lives as a result of fire during the year.

The fire losses to property were as follows:

Buildings . . . . .	\$1,612,827.00 est.
Contents . . . . .	684,326.00 est.
Motor Vehicles . . . . .	<u>398,430.00 est.</u>
Total Losses . . . . .	\$2,695,583.00 est.

The Somerville Fire Department responded to surrounding communities 559 in our Mutual Aid pact. We received aid 714 times from neighboring communities including aid for a very serious fire on February 8, 1975 when a four alarm fire completely destroyed a church building and endangered the entire neighborhood.

All pumpers were tested at draft and all fire hose was subjected to an annual pressure test to assure dependability and to detect any defects.

A total of 574,200 feet of hose was used at fires. Ladders totaling 17,000 feet were used.

The Fire Prevention Bureau under the direction of Deputy Chief Markey conducted 2497 inspections of dwellings, stores and business establishments. Quarterly inspections of schools, hospitals, nursing and convalescent homes. Close cooperation is maintained with the Building and other departments in the elimination of hazards.

It is recommended that consideration be given to the replacement of at least one piece of apparatus for each of the following four years as outlined in "Capital Project Request" submitted in May 1975. Two Aerial Ladder Trucks, one Pumper and one Hose Wagon. As a part of this "Capital Project Request" recommendation was requested for remodeling or replacement of Three fire stations, Engine 3-Union Square, Engine 6-Teele Square and Engine 7-Highland Avenue.

The Auxiliary to the Fire Department provided assistance during multiple alarms and at times of special emergencies in the City. The Auxiliary Fire Department provide a valuable service to the City and their members under the command of Captain Edward Downey are to be commended.

The Fire Department wishes to thank his Honor the Mayor, members of the Board of Aldermen and all department heads of the City government for their cooperation and assistance during the year 1975.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Mack  
*Chief Engineer*

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LICENSING COMMISSION

To the Honorable, the Mayor  
and the Board of Aldermen  
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

The following factual information is respectfully submitted as the Annual Report of the Licensing Commission of the City of Somerville for the year ending December 31, 1975.

Commissioner Michael E. Rubin served as Chairman of the Licensing Commission for the year of 1975.

Earle E. Coke, 19 Mason Street, Somerville was appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Board of Aldermen and sworn in on July 24, 1975 for a term of three years replacing Commissioner Emmy Thidemann whose term had expired.

Officer Vincent McDonough of the Somerville Police Department was assigned to the Licensing Commission for the year of 1975.

James O'Meara, Board of Health Inspector was assigned to the Licensing Commission for the year of 1975.

The Licensing Commission received the following applications for the year of 1975:

- 4 Applications: One for an All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7-Day Restaurant License: The applicant withdrew the application. Three applications for an All Forms 7-Day Club License. They voted 'DENIED' on one application. This applicant re-applied at a later date, and they voted 'GRANTED'. They also 'GRANTED' the other club application. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission approved both of these applications. Therefore, two All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7-Day Club Licenses were issued in 1975.

- 4 Applications for a transfer from one corporation to another corporation and change of manager: They voted 'GRANTED' on these applications and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 'APPROVED' them.
- 2 Applications for a transfer from one corporation to another corporation: They voted 'GRANTED' on both of these applications. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 'APPROVED' one and 'DISAPPROVED' the other.
- 1 Application for a transfer from an individual to a corporation: They voted 'GRANTED' on this application and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 'APPROVED' same.
- 1 Application for a transfer of location: They voted 'DENIED' on this application. The applicant did not appeal to the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission.
- 1 Application for transfer of location and then for a transfer from one corporation to another corporation and a change of manager: They voted 'GRANTED' on all parts of this application. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 'DISAPPROVED' the entire application.
- 2 Applications for additional premises: They voted 'DENIED' on one. The applicant re-applied at a later date and they voted 'GRANTED' and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 'APPROVED' same.
- 3 Applications for change in premises both exterior and interior: They voted 'GRANTED' on these applications. An approval from the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission not required on these.
- 3 Applications for permission to use a doing business name: They voted 'GRANTED' on these applications and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 'APPROVED' them.
- 10 Applications for a transfer of stock which were 'APPROVED' by them and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission.
- 3 Applications for a pledge of stock which were 'APPROVED' by them and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission.
- 11 Applications for change of officers which were 'APPROVED' by them and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission.
- 1 Court notice that an Administrator had been appointed—no approval required.
- 1 Court notice that an Executrix had been appointed—no approval required.

112 Applications for renewal of Alcoholic Beverages License for 1976. No hearing held on these applications as the applications were for the same type of license and were filed prior to December 1, 1975 which entitled the applicant to an automatic renewal under Chapter 352 acts of 1970.

57 All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 'Restaurant 7-Day License'.

1 Malt Beverages and Wines 'Restaurant 7-Day License'.

2 All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 'Innholder 7-Day License'.

17 All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 'Club 7-Day License'.

21 All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 'Package Goods' Store License.

12 Malt Beverages and Wines 'Package Goods' Store License.

2 All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 'Section 30-A License' (Druggist).

They 'GRANTED' ten Full Entertainment and Dance Licenses for the year of 1976.

Two violations of the Law were reported to the Licensing Commission and after holding hearings on these they took appropriate action.

The established policy of the Licensing Commission relative to routine matters of office procedure and the issuance of licenses has not materially changed.

A general inspection tour of all licensed premises brought out the fact that all establishments are now equipped with up-to-date facilities.

We wish to acknowledge the splendid cooperation and wholehearted support given our Commission by Police Inspector Vincent McDonough and Board of Health Inspector James O'Meara assigned to our Commission. We also wish to acknowledge the efficient and faithful service of our clerk Mary I. Kenney.

An itemized report of the fees received during the year ending December 31, 1975 is as follows:

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE LICENSING COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
1975**

**Licenses Granted and Fees Received:**

1 Renewal (1975)	All Forms Rest. Lic. 7-Day	\$1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00
57 Renewals (1976)	All Forms Rest. Lic. 7-Day	1,100.00	62,700.00
1 Renewals (1976)	Malt Beverages & Wines	500.00	500.00
2 Renewals (1976)	All Forms Innholder Lic.	1,300.00	2,600.00
2 New License (1975)	All Forms Club Lic. 7-Day	250.00	500.00
16 (Renewals) (1976)	All Forms Club Lic. 7-Day	250.00	4,000.00
21 (Renewals) (1976)	All Forms 'Pkg. Goods Lic.	1,000.00	21,000.00
12 (Renewals) (1976)	Malt Bev. & Wines Lic.	400.00	4,800.00
2 (Renewals) (1976)	Section 30-A Lic. (Druggist)	300.00	600.00
6 (Renewals) (1975)	Special Alcoholic Lic.	10.00	60.00
223 (1975)	Liquor Identification Cards	2.00	446.00
53 (1975)	Common Victualler's Lic.	10.00	530.00
151 (1976)	Common Victualler's Lic.	10.00	1,510.00
2 (1976)	Innholder's License	10.00	20.00
1 (1975)	Entertainment License	4.00	4.00
1 (1975)	Entertainment License	5.00	5.00
59 (1976)	Entertainment License	5.00	295.00
1 (1976)	Entertainment License	1.00	1.00
1 (1975)	Dance License	25.00	25.00
10 (1976)	Dance License	25.00	<u>250.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS 1975			\$100,946.00
EXPENSES 7/1/74 to 7/1/75			<u>17,465.96</u>
Net Total Revenue of Dept. 1975			<b>\$83,480.04</b>

One All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7-Day Club Licensee requested and extension of time until January 1976 for payment of renewal fee.

Respectfully submitted:

Michael E. Rubin, Chairman  
John Cangiamila, Commissioner  
Earle Coke, Commissioner

# THE RECREATION COMMISSION

1975

ROBERT E. COLT, Chairman (Jan.—Nov.)

MARY A. McCARTHY, Vice-Chairman

MR. ROBERT J. ARSENAULT

MISS FLORENCE E. BERGMANN

MR. WILLIAM A. CURTIN, SR.

MRS. EVELYN E. GONSALVES

MR. ARTHUR F. HUGHES

MR. NICHOLAS P. LA COLLA (Jan.-May)

MR. KENNETH R. VOLKMAN

Secretary To The Commission: PAUL L. SULLIVAN  
(Jan.-Nov.)

## ANNUAL REPORT

### SOMERVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION

December 31, 1975

To The Honorable, The Mayor,  
And The Board of Aldermen:

The Recreation Commission ended the year with sadness at the loss of its Superintendent, Paul L. Sullivan, on November 4, 1975. Mr. Sullivan was the Commission's fourth Superintendent; and his sudden and unfortunate decease marked the third occasion in the past six years that the Commission has had the sad duty to report the loss of a Superintendent.

The Commission expressed its deep regret at Superintendent Sullivan's decease in the following Resolution which was forwarded to his family and spread upon the Commission's Records on November 25: —

WHEREAS, Paul L. Sullivan completed his earthly labors on November 4, 1975; and



WHEREAS, He has served faithfully and unselfishly as Secretary to this Commission and as Superintendent of Recreation, during which time he endeavored to uphold the high standards of the Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure as Superintendent his accomplishments reflected a fine blend of tradition and innovation; and

WHEREAS, This dedicated and capable leader in the field of Recreation has left among the records of the Recreation Service the names of former and present workers now prominent in every walk of life, many of whom feel their success is due in no small measure to the training, guidance, and friendship of Paul L. Sullivan; and

WHEREAS, In acknowledgment of his many years of community service, he was awarded an official citation from The House Of Representatives of The Commonwealth Of Massachusetts "for his dedication and service to the city of Somerville"; and

WHEREAS, We, his associates in the Somerville Recreation Commission, do feel keenly his loss; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That we do hereby express our deep sorrow at the great loss of such a praiseworthy citizen; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a permanent memorial be established as an everlasting testimonial to his years of excellent and faithful service; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the foregoing resolutions be spread upon the records of the Recreation Commission on this twenty-fifth day of November, nineteen hundred and seventy-five; and that a copy of these resolutions be signed by all Members of this Commission and forwarded to the family of Mr. Sullivan.

As a result of Mr. Sullivan's sudden death in November, the Commission found itself in the unique position of being left without either a Superintendent or an Assistant Superintendent, inasmuch as the former Assistant Superintendent, Tony Sullivan, had resigned from his position in August. The Commission had been in the process of selecting a person for that position during the Fall, and on November 25 appointed



James B. Callahan, Recreation Leader (Athletics) to the position of provisional Assistant Superintendent. As of the end of the year, the Commission had begun the task of screening applicants for the position of Superintendent with the goal of making an appointment as soon as possible in 1976.

Looking to the future, the Commission is hopeful that its search for a new Superintendent will result in yet another successful term of Recreation Service to Somerville's citizens. The cooperation of the staff, City Officials, and the community will be greatly needed during this difficult period, as the Recreation Commission faces a new horizon.

## **ACTIVITIES PROGRAM**

Following the procedure of past reports, this section contains brief accounts of some of the programs offered by the Recreation Commission during 1975. The complete List of Activities Under The Somerville Recreation Commission for 1975 is included at the end of this Annual Report.

### **Summer Playgrounds**

The Summer Playgrounds season began on Thursday, June 26 this year, preceded by a staff meeting on Wednesday morning, June 25. Thirty-two playground units were in operation until closing day, Wednesday, August 20.

Traditional major events of the Summer Playgrounds included city-wide Mothers' Day programs on July 30, the Inter-Playground Paddle Tennis Tournament at Kenney Playground on August 5, five "Sectional" Play Day programs, and the annual Playground Outing to Lincoln Park in North Dartmouth on August 18. Tournaments in Jackstones, Jump-rope, Checkers, Chess, and Horseshoes were conducted during the season, on Local, Sectional and Inter-Playground bases.

The Fifty-Fourth Annual Inter-Playground Track Meet saw numerous innovations and changes this year. The meet was held under the lights at Trum Field once again, and the physical aspects of the event were magnificent indeed.

The Powder House Youth League for boys of ages 8 to 15 years, began its third successful season in the Fall of 1975.

The Winter Hill Youth League is a similar program, and is conducted on Saturdays at the Northeastern Jr. High gymnasium. The program evolved from a League formerly conducted by Mr. Gus Barasso, and he assisted in getting the League started with donations of uniforms and supplies.

Two Flag Football Leagues For Boys were conducted in the Fall. The Mystic Avenue League operated for its second successful season, with scheduled games five afternoons per week; and a new league was conducted at the Conway Playground on three afternoons weekly from September to November.

A Soccer League For Boys at the Perry Playground had successful seasons during the Spring and Fall months. The popularity of this sport caught on immediately with the youngsters in the area.

A Winter Intermediate Basketball League began its 1975-76 schedule at the High School gymnasium on Saturday afternoons on November 29. A total of 90 boys who are not members of High School Varsity, C.Y.O., or the Recreation Men's League comprise the League membership, making the program a "participation for all" activity, supplementing the School System's program of intramural competition.

One phase of the Recreation Commission's September-to-June program of activities, which is probably less well-known than some others, is the Girls' Clubs program. Superintendent Paul Sullivan, a former Boys' Club Counselor himself, stimulated increased interest in Girls' Clubs during his tenure as Superintendent; and as of the end of 1975, five Girls' Clubs were organized throughout the city.

The Recreation Commission offers a wide variety of craft and hobby programs throughout the year.

Ceramics is an extremely popular program, with five separate weekly classes for women, one class per week for Senior Citizens, and a Saturday morning class for teenagers.

The annual Cribbage Tournament for adults was conducted on April 1 at the James A. Logan Post hall. Close to 100 cribbage enthusiasts enter the Tournament each year, playing through preliminary, quarter-finals and semi-final rounds toward the championship.

The Recreation Camera Club enjoyed another successful season, with weekly meetings every Tuesday evening at 50 Bow Street. The Camera Club was first organized in 1955, and its membership has grown to include amateur, semi-professional, and professional photographers who associate and compete in the group's activities.

The Somerville Players is a community theatre group which came under the sponsorship of the Recreation Commission in 1973. Its membership includes people of all ages who are actively interested in the performing arts.

The Recreation Commission conducts recreation programs for mentally retarded and physically handicapped children who are Somerville residents between the ages of 3 and 18 years.

For pre-school children of ages 3-6 years, Somerville shares the cost of conducting a Summer program with the Cambridge Recreation Department.

The Somerville Summer Program was in operation Monday through Friday for a seven-week period from July 7 to August 20. The length of the daily sessions was six hours, from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. The program had an enrollment of 37 children between the ages of 6 to 18 years; and it was conducted at the Powder House Community School, a substitute location this year because of the reconstruction of the Conwell School.

Gymnasium Programs For Women have been highly successful during the past year. At the beginning of 1975, two units of Women's Gym were in operation once a week at the East Somerville and Powder House Community School Gyms.

The Women's Softball League was conducted this Summer, with two divisions of six teams each. Teams played a schedule of fifteen regular season games apiece, followed by playoffs.

As 1975 came to a close, organization of the Women's Winter Basketball League was taking place. This brand new League for women will have a total of ten teams, split into two divisions, and each team will play thirteen scheduled games.

The Recreation Commission's record of service to Somerville's Senior Citizens over 65 years of age is one in which it takes considerable pride. Three separate groups, each with a membership of over 300 people, are offered weekly meetings, parties, trips, and activities, co-sponsored by the Commission and the James A. Logan Post, V.F.W.

In addition to the Youth Leagues and Girls' Clubs previously mentioned in this report, the Recreation Commission offered a number of varied programs for younger children during the September-to-June season.

Weekly afterschool Arts & Crafts Programs were held at four elementary schools last season, as were Model Building Programs on different days. When the new season began this Fall, Superintendent Sullivan combined the two activities to be conducted simultaneously, and that has worked out very well.

Five Saturday Playgrounds and three Saturday Indoor Centers were conducted at various locations September-to-June, with moderate success. A decline in attendance, especially outdoors, has been evident the past few years, probably as the result of an "over-saturation" of Saturday activities for children in the city.

Children's Theatre Programs are conducted twice weekly at the

Powder House Community, East Somerville Community, and Cummings Schools. The enthusiastic youngsters attending these programs usually put on two performances per season, one at Christmas time, and another in May.

Magic lessons, a novel activity, were offered to youngsters at the Recreation building last winter. Twenty-four aspiring young magicians completed the ten-week course, taught by Joseph Carota, a professional magician.

Another new dimension was added to the Commission's programs for children in the Fall of 1975, with the formation of a Girls' Gymnastics Program on Saturday afternoons, at the Kennedy School Gym.

The Men's Softball League began in mid-April this year, with four divisions of eight teams apiece, an increase of two teams over the 1974 League. Each team played a regular schedule of 21 games, followed by playoff schedules from August 1 through September 10, which involved the top four teams in each division. Piro's Pipers captured the City Championship for the third year in a row.

The Men's Twilight Basketball League continued to expand with a record number of 40 men's teams in competition, compared to 37 teams in last year's league. The League was formed in five divisions, and each was sub-divided into two "conferences" of four teams each.

The courts at Conway Park were utilized for the Men's League for the first time this year, and worked out very well. Games were played at Conway, Shaw Playground, and Trum Field four nights each week from late in May to the end of July. The Commission looks forward to Lincoln Park being available once again in 1976, inasmuch as the new, lighted courts there should be ideal for the Men's League.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Recreation Commission has been extremely fortunate in obtaining assistance and co-operation from a great many sources. The help received by the Commission from many organizations in the City makes possible a good many services which it is not able to provide on its own.

The year 1965 does not really seem long ago. In any ten-year period one can expect many changes to occur. But, for the Somerville Recreation Commission, the past ten years have been over-laden with changes.

In the membership of the Recreation Commission itself, one member remains on the Commission in 1975 who served in 1965. Of the eight members of the full-time staff in 1965, only two remain at the end of 1975.

The Recreation Commission's total 1965 Budget was \$141,820.50. Its Fiscal Year 1975 Budget was \$244,435.65. In 1965 the Commission's entire base of operation was located at 50 Bow Street in what is now the Somerville Boys' Club building. Since the end of 1969, the Commission has occupied the former Somerville District Court building at 19 Walnut Street, except for Maintenance storage which is still at Bow Street.

Program offerings have also undergone a number of changes and expansions, as demonstrated by the following comparisons: —

Activity	1975 Units	1965 Units	Difference
Summer Playgrounds	32	32	
Programs for Retarded & Handicapped:			
Summer Program, School-Age	1	0	+1
Summer Program, Pre-School	1	0	+1
Saturday Programs	2	0	+2
Girls' Gymnastics Program	1	0	+1
Boys' Clubs	0	8	-8
Youth Leagues For Boys	2	0	+2
Boys' Winter Basketball	18 teams	22 teams	-4 teams
Boys' Twilight Basketball	19 teams	14 teams	+5 teams



'Boys' Soccer League	4 teams	0	+4 teams
Boys' Flag Football Programs	14 teams	0	+14 teams
Boys' Physical Fitness Programs	5	4	+1
Baseball Clinic	1	1	
Saturday Playgrounds	5	16	-11
Saturday Indoor Centers	3	11	-8
Girls' Clubs	5	3	+2
Arts & Crafts Programs	4	4	
Model Building Programs	4	4	
Children's Theatre Programs	3	2	+1
Girls' Physical Fitness Programs	4	1	+3
Teen Ceramics Program	1	1	
Story-Telling Program	0	1	-1
Children's Hospital Program	0	1	-1
Community Recreation Chorus	1	1	
Youth Recreation Chorus	0	1	-1
Somerville Players	1	0	+1
Ceramics Groups	6	6	
Camera Club	2	1	+1
Men's Gymnasium Program	2	1	+1
Men's Winter Basketball	28 teams	8 teams	+20 teams
Men's Twilight Basketball	40 teams	18 teams	+22 teams
Men's Softball League	31 teams	16 teams	+15 teams
Men's Flag Football League	8 teams	0	+8 teams
Men's Bowling League	8 teams	12 teams	-4 teams
Men's Horseshoe League	0	12 teams	-12 teams
Senior Citizens Programs	3 groups	1 group	+2 groups
Women's Physical Fitness Programs	4	0	+4
Women's Summer Basketball	6 teams	0	+6 teams
Women's Winter Basketball	10 teams	0	+10 teams
Women's Softball League	12 teams	0	+12 teams

Clearly, during this difficult period of leadership changes and location upheaval, services and program quality have been maintained, re-evaluated, and improved in most cases. It is felt that a major factor in the Recreation Service's ability to carry on despite these changes has been the consistently excellent leadership of its Superintendents. The

organization has been rich in tradition, pride, and commitment; and has a long and fruitful history from which many lessons can be learned.

As the year 1975 draws to an end, the Recreation Commission seems to be at a major crossroad. The new year will bring many new challenges, and new leadership. The Commission and the staff now look forward to the selection of a new Superintendent, and feel satisfied that she or he will have a productive, well-organized operation with which to begin the next decade.

Appended to this Report are the Financial Summary of the Recreation Commission for Fiscal Year 1975, and a list of Activities Under The Commission.

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY — FISCAL YEAR 1975

### ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975)

.....	\$240,008.37
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (July 5) .....	2,668.28
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (July 12) .....	<u>1,759.00</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS .....	\$244,435.65

### EXPENDITURES (Fiscal Year 1975)

Salaries and Wages .....	\$208,800.57
Office Supplies .....	1,367.31
Printing & Stationery .....	441.50
Postage & Express .....	830.40
Dues & Memberships .....	50.00
Advertising .....	34.62
Photographic Supplies & Services .....	997.62
Telephone Service .....	1,858.16
Professional Services (Work-Study) .....	1,169.77
Refreshments, Etc. ....	327.45
Books & Text Books .....	51.90
Automobile Allowance .....	1,540.00



Bus Rentals . . . . .	310.00	
Gasoline, Oil, Etc. . . . .	408.33	
Athletic Supplies . . . . .	6,340.85	
Recreational Supplies & Services . . . . .	3,882.18	
Hardware & Paint . . . . .	2,966.10	
Lumber & Wood Products . . . . .	441.13	
Playground Supplies . . . . .	957.81	
Repairs & Maintenance (Automotive) . . . . .	150.82	
Repairs & Maintenance (Tools & Equipment) . . . . .	24.68	
Repairs & Maintenance (Office Equipment) . . . . .	173.10	
Programs For Retarded & Handicapped Children:		
Salaries & Wages . . . . .	\$6,338.55	
Bid Advertisements . . . . .	49.00	
Bus Rentals . . . . .	402.50	
Transportation . . . . .	3,717.00	
Groceries & Provisions . . . . .	360.84	
Recreational Supplies & Services . . . . .	<u>442.69</u>	
	\$11,310.58	<u>11,310.58</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES . . . . .	\$244,434.88	<u>244,434.88</u>
UNEXPENDED BALANCE . . . . .	\$	0.77



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